

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for reordering content in a content object stored as a plurality of content entities in a data repository, each content entity having an identifier, comprising the steps of:

Defining the content object with a list of content entity identifiers such that moving a content entity identifier to a new location within the list redefines the order of the object's content entities.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of receiving a user-specification of a content entity to move and target location for the specified content entity.

3. The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of providing a user interface communicating with the data repository, and providing a mechanism for enabling a user to select a content entity to move and specify the target location in the content object through the user interface.

4. A method for reordering content in a hierarchically structured content object stored as a plurality of content entities in a data repository, each content entity having an identifier, comprising the steps of:

Defining the content object with an outline of containers and content entity identifiers such that moving a container or content entity identifier to a new location within the outline redefines the order of the object's content entities.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of receiving a user-specification of a content entity to move and target location for the specified content entity.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the step of providing a user interface communicating with the data repository, and providing a mechanism for enabling a user to select a content entity to move and specify the target location in the content object through the user interface.

7. The method of claim 4, wherein the content object comprises a book, the content entities comprise sections and the containers comprise chapters and books.

8. A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for reordering content in a content object stored as a plurality of content entities in a data repository, each content entity having an identifier, comprising the steps of:

Defining the content object with a list of content entity identifiers such that moving a content entity identifier to a new location within the list redefines the order of the object's content entities.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of receiving a user-specification of a content entity to move and target location for the specified content entity.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of providing a user interface communicating with the data repository, and providing a mechanism for enabling a user to select a content entity to move and specify the target location in the content object through the user interface.

11. A method for reordering content in a hierarchically structured content object stored as a plurality of content entities in a data repository, each content entity having an identifier, comprising the steps of:

Defining the content object with an outline of containers and content entity identifiers such that moving a container or content entity identifier to a new location within the outline redefines the order of the object's content entities.

12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of receiving a user-specification of a content entity to move and target location for the specified content entity.

13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of providing a user interface communicating with the data repository, and providing a mechanism for enabling a user to select a content entity to move and specify the target location in the content object through the user interface.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein the content object comprises a book, the content entities comprise sections and the containers comprise chapters and books.

15. A system for reordering content in a content object stored as a plurality of content entities in a data repository, each content entity having an identifier, comprising:

Means for defining the content object with a list of content entity identifiers such that moving a content entity identifier to a new location within the list redefines the order of the object's content entities.

16. The system of claim 15, further comprising means for receiving a user-specification of a content entity to move and target location for the specified content entity.

17. The system of claim 16, further comprising a user interface communicating with the data repository, and a mechanism for enabling a user to select a content entity to move and specify the target location in the content object through the user interface.

18. A system for reordering content in a hierarchically structured content object stored as a plurality of content entities in a data repository, each content entity having an identifier, comprising:

5 Means for defining the content object with an outline of containers and content entity identifiers such that moving a container or content entity identifier to a new location within the outline redefines the order of the object's content entities.

10 19. The system of claim 18, further comprising means for receiving a user-specification of a content entity to move and target location for the specified content entity.

20. The system of claim 19, further comprising a user interface communicating with the data repository, and a mechanism for enabling a user to select a content entity to move and specify the target location in the content object through the user interface.

15 21. The system of claim 18, wherein the content object comprises a book, the content entities comprise sections and the containers comprise chapters and books.

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